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FREEDOM OF SPEECH

(Charlottesville Daily Progress):

Answering British Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison's charge that the Soviet Government denies the Russian people freedom of speech and refuses them access to the truth about other countries, to the detriment of relations between Russia and the non-Communist world, Pravda, official newspaper of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union, had this to say:

"In no country is there such freedom of speech, and freedom or organization for workers, farmers and intellectuals, as in the Soviet Union," but—

"In the U. S. S. R. freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of organization does not exist for the enemies of the people, for the landlords and the capitalists overthrown by the revolution. Nor does it exist for incorrigible thieves, for subversive agents, terrorists and assassins sent in by foreign secret services."

It sounds fair enough. In fact there are some in this country who would qualify the American rights of freedom of speech in some what similar fashion.

In practice, however, freedom so qualified is no freedom at all.

It sounds reasonable enough to deny "enemies of the people," "subversive agents" and criminals of various kinds the right to express their views. But when, as in Russia, the government decides who is subversive and who is an enemy of the people, the result is a situation in which nobody can say anything that the government doesn't want said.

It is a situation, in short, in which everybody is perfectly free to say what the government wants said, but no one is free to say anything else, which is the antithesis of the freedom of speech contemplated by the authors of our Bill of Rights.

THE CHEATING AT WEST POINT

(From The Milwaukee Journal):

The country will be shocked — we hope deeply shocked— by the cheating in examinations which has caused the dismissal of 90 West Point cadets, many of them members of the great Army football team.

West Point has lived under an honor code for more than 100 years. That code puts men on their honor not to lie, cheat or steal. Under that code, it has been customary to use the same examination questions for the several groups who must take the examinations. Now it develops that men who first took the tests passed the questions on to those who came later, enabling them to "bone up" on the answers. Such cheating, had anywhere, is, as Senator Byrd says, "a terrible thing" when it occurs among men who were supposed to represent the finest in Young American manhood."

Overemphasis which has been put on big time college athletics appears to be one of the causes of this new scandal. But more important is the growing decay in public and private morals generally.

These were young men . . . who risked their chosen military future when they took this unethical way. Did they find their examples in older men in high places—in government and in business— who have long and with impunity skirted the edges of morality? ****

The 90 West Pointers, unworthy of the high privilege given them, have been dismissed, as they should be. The sad thing is that other Americans, mature and in honored positions, have done, and are doing, as bad or worse without even the loss of respect, because they are well entrenched and because the public winks at their lack of integrity.

What this country needs today, and needs badly, is a general revival of the moral sense it has so widely lost.

Homemakers'

For high quality corn in your freezer, follow these tips from Roy Moser, food processing specialist at V. P. I.

It is better t blanch the corn on the cob before cutting it off. This will result in a sweeter, more nutritious frozen product. If the corn is cut from the cob first and blanched, much of the sugar and nutrient are lost in the blanching water, and the quality of the corn is lowered. By blanching on the cob, there is no chance for these losses to take place.

A little home-made gadget will speed up the process of cutting corn from the cob. The gadget consists of a piece of board, about six inches square, with a nail driven through the center of it and sticking up about one-half to three-quarters of an inch. In use, the board is placed in the bottom of a shallow pan such as a dishpan, with the nail sticking up. Place the large end of the ear of corn on the nail, and hold the small end in the left hand. Then you cut the corn with a downward motion . . it's easily done since the corn is held firmly at both ends. There is little danger this way of the knife slipping and cutting you.

Complete instructions for freezing fruits or vegetables are available from all home agents.

ENCEPHALITIS IN BIRDS

According to I. T. Quinn, executive director of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, encephalitis, a few cases of which have recently been found among citizens of Richmond, may also appear in game birds. This is especially true of the gallinaceous birds such as the quails, pheasants and turkeys.

The Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries is anxious to get any reports of diseased birds and to receive specimens for examination. So far, no reports have reached the Commission of diseased wild game birds.

GAME MAY SUFFER

Three weeks ago the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries reported that the drought had not, as yet, seriously affected the game and fish of the state. In some parts of the state, however, the drought continues and may have a deleterious effect upon some species of game and fish.

QUAIL INDICATIN

Reports from several sections of the state, coming into the office of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, are to the effect that many small quail, commonly known as "squealers," are being seen throughout the state. This, in all probability, means that the early clutches of eggs were destroyed by some means, and that the parent bird has hatched off a second clutch of eggs. These young birds will scarcely be full grown when the hunting season opens on November 20. Also, due to their small size and insufficient time to mature before going into the winter's critical period, many which survive the hunter's gunr will be unable to survive the winter weather.

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Christian's Spending

Lesson for August 12, 1951

ONCE upon a time, so they say, a Scotchman opened his pocketbook in December, and a farthing flew out. That story belongs to the class of stories that are funny because they are impossible, like the Paul Bunyan stories, or the one about the fly that fell off a marble and broke his back. Any human is so stingy that he could go from June to December without opening his pocketbook to spend a single cent. Spending is something all of us do, all the time.

Dr. Foreman

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Is Your Money Yours?

"It's my money and I can do what I please with it." That is the average man's attitude toward his money. But it's not the Christian attitude.

In the first place, Jesus' parable of the talents reminds us that all the conditions, and all the energy, and everything else that makes earning money possible, are in the long run the gifts of God. "It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves" is just as true now as it ever was.

God it is who gave us life in the first place, who has preserved us, and endowed us with whatever gifts and capacities we have. We are not our own, we are bought with a price, as Paul puts it.

However, we earn our living, whether as farmers, business or professional people, if it had not been for the blessings of God we could have earned nothing at all. One bedrock principle of the Old Testament is that the earth is the Lord's. Put that together with the New Testament principle that the Christian belongs to God, and you have arrived at the great principle of stewardship."

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Profits or Profit?

The earliest Christians of Jerusalem pooled all their resources and dealt them out to all, in proportion to their individual needs. This experiment in sharing the wealth failed, and one main reason for the failure was that they paid all their attention to consumption and none at all to production.

No matter how smoothly you distribute the wealth, if some one is not producing, the whole pile will diminish in time.

Nevertheless, those earliest Christians did have a firm grasp of a real truth; namely, that when a Christian spends money he ought to have the needs of the community first in mind, and not his own profits. Does this sound too idealistic?

Well, even the law, slanted though it may seem toward the protection of wealth, puts limits on the ways a man can spend his money. If it can be shown that what he pays his good money for is hurtful to the community, the law will clamp down on him, in many cases. You can't keep a skunk farm on Broadway. It may be your money, and your skunks, but it's not your property.

To take another angle: down in Atlanta (Georgia) a highly successful journalist, when he died, left the stock in his company to his employees. They had helped him earn his fortune, he said; they should share in the proceeds.

Does not our community help us to earn whatever we do earn? And does the community deserve consideration in the spending?

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The Money-God

No temples on our main streets are labeled "To the God Mammon." But money is often a god, in the same. On Mammon's alter how many things and men are sacrificed! What will men not do to make a fast buck," to turn a honest penny! Honor, decency, truth-ness, health, even life itself, will be given up before consenting to cut the profits down.

Every great entrenched evil—gambling, prostitution, corrupt courts, liquor traffic—is as hard to dislodge as the silversmiths of Ephesus, and for the same reason. The people who stand to make money out of sin never count what happens to the sinner.

But let us watch ourselves. Do we as customers criticize the paunchy big-wigs because we really hate to spend, or is it because we are envious?

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Rocks

Rocks, August 6.- Rains that came last week helped to relieve drought conditions in this area and break the heat wave. Pastures, vegetable gardens and crops were in need of rain.

Mary Willie Ransom celebrated her birthday recently

Quite a few from Rocks attended the revival meeting at Evergreen Methodist Church last week.

Claude Leffel motored to Richmond one day last week.

Mrs. John Kent Hamilton, of Evergreen took Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh to the meeting there Tuesday night.

Charlene Ranson and her father celebrated their birthdays last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Marks spent the week-end in Lynchburg.

E. D. Myers, father of Mrs. L. C. Elder entered the Virginia Baptist Hospital Thursday for an operation.

We wish him a speedy recovery.

Miss Odelle Ranson and Mrs. Glenn S. Martin had a picnic at Holliday Lake Saturday afternoon for their Sunday School class.

Hudson Dickerson and Danny called in the neighborhood Saturday afternoon

Joe Almond went to Brookneal Sunday to get his brother, Harry.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dickerson and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Roach, of Lynchburg were in the neighborhood Sunday.

Quite a few from Rocks went to Hollywood Friday night to hear the Rev. B. R. Bruner.

Richwood

Richwood, August 7.- "To be seventy years young is sometime far more cheerful and hopeful than to forty years old."—Quoted.

Services at Wesley Chapel at 3 P. M. Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunter were the week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hunter, Jr. were in Lynchburg on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Paulette and family, of Brookneal visited over the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harvey.

Mrs. D. A. Pugh and Miss Thelma Dickerson and Miss Loretta Davis were the guests of Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge and daughter, Marvis on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. G. L. Watts left Monday to spend some time in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williams and family were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Reed and family, of Lynchburg visited one night last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Atwell Powell visited Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh Sunday.

Mrs. A. V. Jones and daughter, Loraine and Nelson Jones and Miss Ann Bradshaw and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Marsh were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh Wednesday.

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